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"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
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OUR AIM: Be it our aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

WAIT UPON THE LORD

But they that wait upon the LORD
shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary;
and they shall walk, and not faint.
Isa. 40:31

For I am persuaded,
that neither death,
nor life,
nor angels,
nor principalities,
nor powers,
nor things present,
nor things to come,
nor height,
nor depth,
nor any other creature,
shall be able to separate
us from the love of God,
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Rom. 8:38-39

VIRTUE SIGNALING

In recent years, you may have heard politicians decry the use of “fossil” fuels because of their supposed contribution to climate change, all while maintaining high-carbon lifestyles with their private jets, yachts, multiple vehicles and significant travel. Or perhaps you’ve seen celebrities be publicly critical of homelessness in their cities yet not be willing to give any of their own time or effort to improve the situation.

These are examples of virtue signaling. While this term had been used in the early 2000’s, it was not widely known until 2015, when it was popularized in an article by British journalist James Bartholomew, in the conservative magazine, *The Spectator*. Bartholomew used

the term to describe people who use words or silently held beliefs to publicly demonstrate their moral superiority without putting in actual effort or self-sacrifice. By definition, virtue signaling is the expressing of a moral viewpoint with the intent of communicating good character. It often describes behavior meant to gain social approval without taking meaningful action.

Virtue is a quality that the Christian should actively strive for and cultivate. However, virtue and virtue signaling are very different things, nearly antithetical. Virtue signaling seems to be driven by characteristics such as hypocrisy, pride and the desire of approval by others. These

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characteristics are opposed to those of virtue, which by comparison, include integrity, humility and the desire of approval by God. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught a clear picture of real virtue.

First, He gave clear warning against practicing righteousness for show. Regarding giving, Jesus said, *"Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly."* Matt. 6:2-4

Likewise, regarding prayer, Jesus said, *"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to*

thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Matt. 6:5-6

Additionally, regarding fasting, Jesus said, *"Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."* Matt. 6:16-18

So, where do we find ourselves today? Are we on the path of virtue or of a virtue signaler? To answer that question, I think we need to look at the motivations behind doing what we do. As we examine our daily behavior and compare it to Jesus' teachings, where do we find ourselves? Are our habits and actions done to target the outcome of pleasing men or God? If they are primarily done to please men, then we might find ourselves, at times, in the camp of the virtue signalers.

Perhaps the scribes and

Pharisees were some of the early signalers. May we avoid their error. Jesus told them they were like whited sepulchers, which appeared beautiful to men, but God could see that their hearts were filled with dead men's bones and of all uncleanness. Rather than construct a façade of virtue for men to observe, may we yield our lives to God that virtue would emanate from His Spirit in us.

We can praise the Lord

that the Holy Spirit continues to work in the heart of the believer but that He also allows us to stumble, fall, get back up and being forgiven, to try again. As we consider the Lord's tremendous love, grace, mercy and patience toward us, it should cause us to stand in awe, and through sincere virtue, desire and seek His approving eye, more than that of our fellow man.

K. Brock

THE HEART OF A SHEPHERD

While touring Spain with my parents in the 1980's, we were fascinated to see local shepherds navigating sheep and goats across the landscape, witnessing firsthand the traditional sustainable livelihood of rural Spain, leading their flocks in a timeless dance of survival. Spain has a network of roughly 80,000 miles of protected paths used by shepherds for moving goats and sheep. These ancient routes, crossing much of Spain, allow for seasonable migration between highlands and lowlands. Despite urbanization, these routes are legally protected to ensure right-

of-way following a tradition that dates back centuries. These routes serve as both roads and grazing land for millions of sheep, goats, and cattle, moving from dry summer areas to greener winter pastures.

The Spanish shepherds have a huge responsibility. They protect sheep from predators, manage nutrition by guiding the sheep to fresh forage and clear brush to prevent wildfires. They sometimes guide flocks over 100 miles, safely steer 1,000 to 3,000 sheep through urban environments, organize provisions and set up temporary

camps during the long migration that often lasts 7 to 10 days. They manage livestock for wool and meat production. They face extreme weather conditions, while making sure the flocks reach their destination. They keep the flock moving at a slow, steady pace, making sure that no animals stray into restricted crops or fall behind. Shepherds protect the flock from predators such as wolves and bears. Sometimes they have dogs along with them to help with this. Shepherds must be able to spot sick or tired animals, tend to injured sheep, and occasionally carry lambs that can't keep up. They often live with the sheep in temporary camps, acting as watchmen against environmental threats and potential theft. They lead the herd to find green grass, leaves, and twigs. They care for the herd during lambing, milking, and in some cases overseeing the shearing of the sheep.

When a Spanish shepherd has the heart to follow through with all of these responsibilities, it is a beautiful thing! Likewise, when the shepherd of a church congregation has that same heart and guides, leads, nourishes, protects, cares and

provides a personal oversight of his fold as a shepherd does his sheep, that too, is a beautiful thing!

Matthew chapter 25:32-33 says *"And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left."* Sometimes a Spanish shepherd has goats mixed in with his sheep to help control them. Sometimes the goats are a help and sometimes they are a hindrance with their aggressive and stubborn behavior. So what are you? A sheep or a goat? What is the difference?

A sheep is led by its shepherd. A goat is led by its goatherd. Sheep follow the voice of their shepherd and trust him to lead them to food, water and safety. If they wander, the shepherd will go out and rescue them and bring them back to the safety of the flock. Sheep separated from their shepherd and flock are nervous and vulnerable because they have no defensive or offensive survival abilities.

A goat, however, doesn't

follow anyone. A herd of goats goes where it wants and the goatherd follows behind. Instead of grazing, goats browse, foraging whatever strikes their fancy. So that tells us that if we are allowing ourselves to be led, being sensitive to the pull of God's spirit and following the path of our shepherd, we are sheep. If we are headstrong, going our own way and pulling back against God's spirit, we are goats. Goats are more prone to fighting. They are more adventurous, faster and more independent, often leading to herd fragmentation and increasing the workload on the shepherd and dogs. Goats are dominant and can bully the more timid sheep, causing anxiety and fear. Sometimes the shepherd separates the goats from the sheep because they are more of a nuisance than a help.

Scripture says that only a few will make it to heaven. When you ponder this verse and leave it to sink in, it is a terrible thing. Wouldn't it be so much nicer if scripture would say only a few will miss it instead of only a few will make it! Sadly, a lot of people believe that only a few will miss it. Only a small percentage will enter heaven,

and a larger percentage will be cast into the lake of fire. So where will the dividing line be that separates the sheep from the goats? There will be a lot of people on both sides of the line, but the percentage will be significantly more on the one side than the other. It makes me wonder what things could possibly keep a person out of heaven since only a few will be going there. How many of our friends and relatives might not be making it?

At the end of time, the judgment line will separate a handful of sheep from a crowd of goats. When the Titanic sank, 68% of the people on board perished at sea. That was a terrible outcome. But I believe the percentage of people going to everlasting punishment will be much greater than that. When the final shepherd divides the flock, the narrow path of sheep will be dwarfed by a vast sea of goats.

The good news is, if you are a goat, there is still time and opportunity to change to a sheep. However, if you are a sheep, there is also time and opportunity to change back to a goat as well.

We can choose to be led. We can learn to recognize our shepherd's voice and trust in it. Get in God's word every day. The more familiar you make yourself with the voice of your shepherd, the more easily you can recognize it. The more you pray and saturate your mind with

God's word, the more you will be able to recognize his voice above the voice of the world. My prayer is that someday we will all be sheep, following our shepherd's voice to the greener pastures!

Raymond Weidman
Ephrata, PA

THANK YOU, LORD

"And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD." II Chron. 35:2

It was an evening service. As we entered the auditorium, I saw an elderly brother, in his nineties, sitting in the second row. I walked up and sat beside him. He had outlived his wife and two of his sons. "I am beginning to think that God has forgotten about me", he said, looking in my direction.

"He has not," I replied. "You are here to encourage us younger ones, especially me." He smiled and opened his

hymnbook. We sat together as the service began.

As Winston Churchill said in the midst of World War II, "Never give up. Never, never, never give up."

The former is a true story: the place: south-central Pennsylvania; the time: the nineteen-nineties.

Lynn L. Miller
Newmanstown, PA

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

When God asked Ananias to go and speak to a man by the name of Saul, he had some legitimate reservations. What

he heard about Saul was not very complementary. I am not sure what I would have done in Ananias's sandals, but there was

something within him that rose up in obedience to the voice of God. He recognized that voice and even though it was a tough assignment, he followed through.

Years after the fact, I often wonder what Ananias thought about that man Saul, who later became the apostle Paul. No way could he have ever known that this man that was so hateful towards Christians was going to be used by God in such a remarkable way. I am sure in afterthought, Ananias was glad he obeyed the voice of the Lord.

I often think of this in my own life. Can I really hear God? And am I willing to obey any command that he sends my way? As a Christian, I do not chart my own course. My course is charted through obeying the voice of God on a daily basis.

The problem today's Christianity faces is the influx of the culture into the church. The church is more and more looking like the world. What is the problem? I believe the problem boils down to the fact that we seem to no longer be listening to the voice of God. Are we more influenced by the voice of culture and society?

The reason for this is quite

simple. Following God is humanly impossible. The challenges that are before us as a Christian can never be met through human ingenuity or even experience. The only solution is God and hearing the voice of God and obeying that voice.

I remember many years ago someone telling me that ministry was very dirty work. I smiled at the time and did not really understand what he was talking about. I thought that may have been true for him, but certainly it is not true for me. Years later looking back, I understand completely what he meant.

God always calls us to that which is humanly impossible. He does not call the qualified, but He does qualify the called. When I understand this, I begin to see what ministry is all about. Many have fallen into the swamp of believing that ministry is similar to business. We have business aspects in the ministry today that are doing nothing but harm to the true work of God. The focus of a business is always the "bottom line." Whatever gets me to that bottom line is what I need to commit myself to. Defining that bottom line is a very disparaging thing. For business,

the bottom line is making a profit. And from a business point of view that is absolutely true. But from a ministry point of view, there is no profit to be made. It is difficult and costly to do the work of the ministry. Although salvation is absolutely free, ministry carries with it a heavy cost factor. Unfortunately, many are unwilling to carry that cost.

George Mueller was a great man of prayer, and I believe his ministry reflected that. In the beginning of building his orphanage, they spent a lot of time praying for the building and for workers and for supplies and it was a tough journey. When they finally finished the building and opened it up, they noticed one thing. They had no children. All this time they were praying for building, supplies, and helpers, but George Mueller had forgotten to pray for children. It was a great lesson for him that ministry is not putting together something, but rather it is trusting God to bring things together.

Do we still believe in the impossible? George Mueller did. What he did was absolutely, positively, humanly impossible. Actually, he did not do it, but God did it through him. He heard the

voice of God and responded to that voice and God opened up a ministry to him for the glory of God.

Ananias did not know the future of this man by the name of Saul. Nobody would have criticized him for backing down and refusing to go talk to this one who was arresting so many Christians. Had he relied upon human ability and understanding he probably never would have gone. Ananias heard the voice of God. Ananias obeyed that voice regardless of the danger he had to face.

The thing that I want to do in my own personal experience is to make sure I'm in that place not only just to hear the voice of God but to be in a place where God can speak to me. And I have such a persuasion that God trusts me enough to speak to me and ask me to do something that is humanly impossible.

What God calls a person to do reveals a whole lot about God's confidence in that person. I want to be able to look back on my life in wonder and astonishment and say, "What hath God done in my life?"

James L Snyder
Ocala, FL

CONNECTIONS

As members of the Bible Study Board our hope in writing monthly articles related to the Adult Sunday School Lessons is that we all see afresh different points of connection that reveal the Word made flesh.

As we continue our study through the book of Acts, we have much to learn, that is for sure! Never let it be said by God's children we have learned everything possible. Scripture is not always the amazing stories of miracles and sometimes we read about tragic events as well. The stoning of Steven was a tragic event; however, we read that event led to even greater works in the early church. God's plan is generally not what man would do, nor even always what man would expect. What man can expect is that God's plan will be accomplished, and that is something to take joy in

expecting. Part of the example set before us is one of simple obedience and faith. The Lord will and does use great people and express himself in popular miracles. I believe the Lord also loves when simple obedience occurs just as much.

This month as we continue our study in the book of Acts let us continue to be studiers of the word and not just readers. Lessons can be learned from all of scripture, even in the tragic stories. May God add his blessing to you all this month!

On behalf of the Bible Study Board
Bro. Mark Cordrey Jr.

UPDATE FROM THE NETHERLANDS

Hello from Friesland, which is several thousand miles from the nearest Dunkard Brethren congregation in America. Even though it seems like a long way, it's a blessing to have media that allows us to visit. July is the warmest month of the year at Tama and Carmen's home. The daytime temperatures average around 74 degrees, with lows of mid 50's at night. They expect about 3 inches of rain per month in the summer.

Tama is settled back into his work after the service work in Ukraine. With a house of young children, and expecting another baby soon, Tama and Carmen are very busy. Continue to keep them in your prayers for the changes that face them in the next few months. It's always a very blessed time, but an adjustment with a newborn. They also would still like prayer for people that would be open in seeking a more Biblical way of life to worship and fellowship with them.

Martijn and Cindy were here in the U.S. for conference. What a blessing for them, but also for everyone who was able to connect with them. Thanks to everyone that helped make this possible, with finances, hospitality, and prayers. We give all the praise to God for working this out. Our prayer is that Martijn and Cindy were strengthened in their faith, and that they can encourage Tama and Cindy when they return home.

Continue to pray about visiting these couples in the Netherlands. They would be so encouraged for any visitors. God bless us all as "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints".

Ward Deaton
Zillah, WA

THE GREATEST FRIEND

Jesus is a friend who always listens,
He never turns me away,
In the pathway He walks beside me,
And He guides me along the way.
I came to Him oh so empty,
He came to make me whole.
On Calvary He bought me,
And there redeemed my soul.

It was I who crucified Him,
There on Golgotha's Hill,
It was there He hung in agony,
To do the Father's will.
Oh the wondrous love of the Father,
That He gave His Son for me,
And the wondrous love of Jesus,
That henceforth I have liberty.

I am now His bondmaid,
For He bought me with His blood,
And now I have a High Priest,
That I may come to God.
There is no sweeter bondage,
Than the One that sets me free,
And Oh what a wondrous mystery,
That bondage brings liberty.

Doris Compton
Carlisle, PA

STEP BY STEP

He does not lead me year by year,
Nor even day by day,
But step by step my path unfolds;
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know,
I only know this minute;
But He will say, "This is the way;
By faith now walk ye in it."

And I am glad that it is so,
Today's enough to bear;
And when tomorrow comes, His grace
Shall far exceed its case.

What need to worry then or fret?
The God who gave His son,
Holds all my moments in His hand,
And gives them one by one.

Don Sicklesteel

Selected by Susan Nolt
Romulus, NY

WEDDINGS

Elias Riegsecker & Bronte Jamison. Elias, son of Dan & Angela Riegsecker and Bronte, daughter of Brant & Bonny Jamison were united in marriage at Lyons, Ohio on May 23, 2026. They reside in Archbold, Ohio.

Grant Davison & Marshall Alspaugh. Grant, son of Jeff & Melissa Davison and Marshall, daughter of Jesse & Jessica Alspaugh were united in marriage at Richland, Pennsylvania on May 30, 2026. They reside in Garnett, Kansas.

OBITUARIES

Richard Noecker

Richard A. Noecker, 67, of Bethel, PA, passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at his home surrounded by his loving wife and family. He was the husband of Sylvia N. (Wolfe) Noecker. They celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on April 29.

Born in Tamaqua, PA, on March 8, 1959, he was the son of the late Samuel W., Sr., and Betty Lou (Blakeslee) Noecker. Richard was currently employed at GHL Construction in the excavation division. He attended God's Missionary Church, Lebanon.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons Damar (Tiffany) Noecker of Mills River, NC and Lyndell (Rita) Noecker of West Unity, OH; daughters Nadine (Andrew) Heisey of West Unity, OH, Davina (Michael Jay) Burkholder of Kalispell, MT and Danae (Lee) Swihart of Bernville; 25 dearly loved grandchildren; brothers Samuel Noecker, Jr., Charles Noecker, William Noecker and Russel Noecker; and sisters Florence Keeney, Virginia Viars, Joyce Noecker, Miriam Noecker, Faith Noecker, Michelle Kimmel and Vennetta Kramer. He was preceded in death by his sister Elaine Sparrow.

Funeral services were held on Friday, May 29, 2026, at God's Missionary Church, Lebanon, followed by interment at Bethel Dunkard Brethren Church Cemetery, Bethel.

Jan Heisey

Jan Leon Heisey, 75, of Taylorsville, Mississippi, entered into the presence of Jesus on May 27, 2026.

Jan was born on January 13, 1951. He lived a life marked by creativity, hard work, generosity, and deep love for his family and his Lord.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Freda Heisey; his daughter-in-law, Leah Heisey; his son-in-law, Ben Beachler; his parents, William and Alice Heisey; and his sister-in-law, Joyce Heisey.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Heisey, and children Stephanie (Brian) Wagler, Jennifer (Gary) Cassel, Michael (Melissa) Heisey, Melissa (Lyndon) Bechtel, and Matthew (Deanna) Heisey. He is also survived by his siblings: Larry Heisey, Duane (Dixie) Heisey, Dale (Connie) Heisey, Paul (Dianne) Heisey, Karen (Stephen) Blocher, and Steve (Renee) Heisey. Jan was a beloved grandfather to 13 grandchildren and great-grandfather to six great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, and a host of extended family and friends.

From an early age, Jan developed a love for drawing and art. While still in high school, he painted his first sign, beginning what would become a lifelong passion and career in sign-making. After working in several trades during his younger years, he eventually found his calling in the sign industry. He worked in Pennsylvania for his mentor, Lester Miller, hand-painting signs before later purchasing the business, Miller Signs, which he operated for several years.

In 1988, Jan moved his family to Mississippi. After several years of working in the sign industry as an employee, he began painting signs in his garage. That humble beginning grew into Jan Sign Company, which became both his pride and joy. Jan faithfully served his customers through the business for 29 years until selling the company to his son Matt, and, as he liked to say, “semi-retiring.”

Even in retirement, Jan stayed active. He enjoyed helping with the business, spending time in his woodworking shop, visiting family, and blessing others through the things he created. He especially loved making small wooden toys and loved to gift friends and family with them.

Jan had a deep appreciation for beauty, art, and design throughout his life. He dearly loved his family and especially enjoyed sharing his model train set with his grandchildren, faithfully running the trains whenever they came to visit.

Most importantly, Jan loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a faithful member of Maranatha Mennonite Church in Taylorsville, Mississippi, where he served as a minister for many years until retiring from the ministry in 2024.

Jan will be deeply missed by all who knew him, especially by his family, who rejoice in the hope of seeing him again.

A funeral service was held at Taylorsville First Baptist Church on June 1, 2026, and was laid to rest at Fellowship Cemetery in Taylorsville, Mississippi.

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NEWS ITEMS

HART, MICHIGAN

The Lord willing, the Hart Congregation will be holding revival meetings July 19 - 26. Bro. Mark Andrews from the Grandview, Missouri Congregation will be our evangelist. Remember Bro. Mark as he prepares for these meetings.

Sunday, July 19, services at 9:30 a.m., followed by lunch and 6 p.m. service. Weeknight services at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25, 11 a.m. service, Examination service at 2 p.m. and Lovefeast at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 26, 7:30 a.m. morning worship, breakfast to follow, 9:30 a.m. service with lunch to follow and 2 p.m. closing service. All are invited and welcome to attend.

Rachel Ramirez, Correspondent

Invitation to Write

Avid readers of the Bible Monitor know that most of the content of the Monitor comes from a handful of regular writers and a handful or two of occasional writers. We very much appreciate those that diligently contribute material for the Monitor. There have recently been some new writers contributing, including some younger writers and that is very encouraging.

If you haven't written for the Monitor before or haven't in a while, this is an invitation to consider doing so. We welcome appropriate articles, poetry and news items. While many of our articles are devotional, other topics for publication may highlight topics such as youth, parenting, outreach, women's interests, etc. If you aren't used to writing and struggle with sentence structure, grammar or the flow of writing, the editor can help with rewording, corrections and general polishing before publishing.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR July 2026

July 5 - Acts 7:54-60 - Stephen Imitates Jesus as Saul Persecutes the Church

1. Did Steven's audience have any remorse, or just guilt fueled anger?

2. What possessed the listeners to react with such anger?

3. What reason did Steven ask for God to not charge his murderers with sin?

July 12 - Acts 8:1-13 - Phillip Preaches Christ

1. Was Saul an equal participant in Steven's stoning emotionally?

2. What fueled Saul to create havoc in the early church?

3. How can persecution be a good thing?

July 19 - Acts 8:14-25 - Simon the Sorcerer Can't Buy the Holy Ghost

1. Why was Simon not a recipient of the Holy Spirit?

2. In what ways are we holding iniquity in our hearts which would hamper the work of God?

July 26 - Acts 8:26-33 - A Eunuch of Ethiopia & Exegesis of Esaias

1. How often are we ignoring the Spirit's leading?

2. How often are we accepting the Spirit's leading?

3. What might we be missing by resisting the Lords commands?

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